

**Medicare Drug Card
Pharmacy Benefits Manager Systems Test Plan
Enrollment/Eligibility System**

December 29 2003	Companies who indicate an intent to apply can begin installation of telecommunications lines and software. Instructions are included in the solicitation package. Telecommunication installation will be funded by CMS.
January 15 2004	Systems requirements, including input and output record specifications, processing rules, and telecommunications requirements published on CMS Medicare Drug Card web site
January 30 2004	CMS releases test data and test results package to bidders. The test package includes sample input records, including correct and incorrect input records, and output records expected for each input.
March 21 2004	Bidders' system testing is complete. Bidders submit certification of complete and accurate tests of their systems as well as their telecommunications to the CMS data center.
March 24 2004	End-to-end testing with all selected PBMs begins. PBMs will conduct complete end-to-end transaction tests between their systems and CMS using the Connect:Direct telecommunications option.
April 23 2004	End-to-end testing is complete.
May 3 2004	Production processing begins at PBMs and at CMS.